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Mr Rufus Lewis
124 Craig St.
Jackson Miss.

Dear Mr Lewis:

I just received your letter. I was glad to hear from you with so much information about yourself in the letter. From the contents of it, and information I had about you from other people, I am sure you will make the team. I not only feel that you will make the team, I will be surprised if you do not become a real asset to it.

We are training in Jacksonville Fla. and will open camp April 1st. I will pay your fare to camp, and of course all your expenses while in camp. If you have the money buy your ticket, and I will refund it to you when you arrive in Jacksonville. If you do not have the money I will send you a ticket.

About salary. You asked me about the salaries on the team. Salaries are always kept confidential. No one is supposed to know what any one else is receiving. It is very difficult to say what a man is worth until you have seen him in action. I will say however, that on the strength of your recommendations, I will start you at no less than \$250.00 a month. The highest paid man on this team last year was a pitcher who received \$700.00 a month with a five month contract. The baseball is growing every year, and as young as you are, if you are the man I think you are you could look forward to making good money. I know you have been reading of the Major Leagues showing interest in Negro players, and the pitchers should interest them most.

I will be looking to hear from you right away, as I want to get my plans outlined.

Very Truly Yours